

(b) the number of those out of above which are in good condition and of those which are in a deplorable condition; and

(c) what action is being taken by Government to desilt and to remove encroachment on the banks of those ponds/dams which are in a deplorable condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BOJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) As per the latest data available in the Report on Census of Minor Irrigation Schemes, there are about 0.51 million tanks/ponds in the country, of which about 60 thousand have gone out of use due to various reasons.

(c) Minor Irrigation Schemes are planned, executed and maintained by the respective State Governments as per their priority and out of their own resources.

Utilisation of Godavari water

3247. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared the Godavari water utilisation projects and the neighbouring States accepted the proposal; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to speed up the process of starting the work on the Godavari projects for utilisation of its water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Four medium irrigation projects envisaging utilization of Godavari Water (*viz.* Palemvagu, Yerravagu, Suddavagu, Peddavagu) have been accepted by the Technical Advisory Committee with certain observations. Clearance of the other major and medium projects depends on resolution of inter-State issues where ever involved and compliance of observations of various central appraising agencies by the State Government. Being a state subject, irrigation projects are executed by the state governments themselves as per their own priority and out of their resources.